

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
KASTNER, Daniel et al. ) Art Unit: 1634  
Application No. 09/486,147 ) Examiner: Goldberg, Jeanine Anne  
Filing Date: August 7, 2000 ) Confirmation No. 1893  
For: IDENTIFICATION OF THE GENE )  
CAUSING FAMILIAL )  
MEDITERRANEAN FEVER )

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Via Facsimile: (703) 305-3014

Art Group Unit: 1634

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 25, 2003

Sir:

This is responsive to the August 26, 2002 Office Action issued regarding the above-identified patent application. A Request for Extension of Time is included herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 2, 48 & 53 as follows:

2. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid sequence, comprising the coding sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 and variations thereof permitted by genetic code degeneracy.